

**ISSUANCE OF BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS  
SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES**

**CHAPTER 1003**

H.B. No. 1256

**AN ACT**

**relating to the issuance of Blessed are the Peacemakers specialty license plates.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 504.668 to read as follows:

*Sec. 504.668. BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates that include the image of the United States flag printed in black and white with a blue stripe crossing beneath the field of stars and the words "Blessed are the Peacemakers" at the bottom of each plate.*

*(b) After deduction of the department's administrative costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates shall be deposited to the credit of an account created by the comptroller in the manner provided by Section 504.6012(b). Money deposited to that account may be used only by the State Preservation Board to maintain the Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Monument under Section 3105.004, Government Code.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 9, 2017: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 15, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

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**CONCURRENT JURISDICTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL  
COURTS IN CERTAIN CRIMINAL CASES PUNISHABLE BY  
FINE ONLY**

**CHAPTER 1004**

H.B. No. 1264

**AN ACT**

**relating to the concurrent jurisdiction of certain municipal courts in certain criminal cases punishable by fine only.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Article 4.14(f), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(f) A municipality with a population of 1.19 million or more and another municipality contiguous to that municipality may enter into an agreement providing concurrent jurisdiction for the municipal courts of either jurisdiction for all criminal cases arising from offenses under state law that are:

(1) committed on the boundary of those municipalities or *in one or both of the following areas:*

(A) within 200 yards of that boundary; or

(B) *within 2.25 miles of that boundary on a segment of highway in the state highway system that traverses a major water supply reservoir; and*

(2) punishable by fine only.

SECTION 2. Article 13.045, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as

follows:

Art. 13.045. ON THE BOUNDARIES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. An offense punishable by fine only that is committed on *or near* the boundary~~[-or within 200 yards of the boundary]~~ of contiguous municipalities that have entered into an agreement authorized by Article 4.14(f) and Section 29.003(h), Government Code, may be prosecuted in either of those municipalities *as provided in the agreement*.

SECTION 3. Section 29.003(h), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(h) A municipality with a population of 1.19 million or more and another municipality contiguous to that municipality may enter into an agreement providing concurrent jurisdiction for the municipal courts of either jurisdiction for all criminal cases arising from offenses under state law that are:

(1) committed on the boundary of those municipalities or *in one or both of the following areas*:

(A) within 200 yards of that boundary; or

(B) *within 2.25 miles of that boundary on a segment of highway in the state highway system that traverses a major water supply reservoir*; and

(2) punishable by fine only.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 26, 2017: Yeas 142, Nays 6, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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## NOTICE FOR HEARINGS AND TRIAL SETTINGS IN CRIMINAL CASES

### CHAPTER 1005

H.B. No. 1266

#### AN ACT

**relating to notice for hearings and trial settings in criminal cases.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 29, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 29.035 to read as follows:

Art. 29.035. **FOR INSUFFICIENT NOTICE OF HEARING OR TRIAL.** (a) *Notwithstanding Article 28.01 or any other provision of this chapter, and except as otherwise provided by this article, a trial court shall grant a continuance of a criminal action on oral or written motion of the state or the defendant if the trial court sets a hearing or trial without providing to the attorney for the state and the defendant, or the defendant's attorney, notice of the hearing or trial at least three business days before the date of the hearing or trial.*

(b) *This article does not apply during the period between:*

(1) *the date the trial begins; and*

(2) *the date the judgment is entered.*

SECTION 2. Article 29.035, Code of Criminal Procedure, as added by this Act, applies to a criminal action pending before a trial court on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of whether the offense that is the subject of the action was committed before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.